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CHAIRMAN'S THOUGHTS!

With the introduction of (not more than two) "permit players" into the Isthmian League next season and the real possibility that all clubs will be non-amateur within the next two seasons, many of our supporters must be wondering what the future holds for Wycombe Wanderers. Both topics have been exercising the minds of the Committee for some time, and while we welcome the changes, we are left wondering what the outcome will be. Will it mean, with permit players, that clubs will be introducing old professionals into their sides or will they take the opportunity of fielding the younger professional who appears not to have made the grade, or who may have become disillusioned with the life? Bearing in mind that any permit players fielded by a club will of course be ineligible for the Amateur Cup, one is left wondering whether it is sensible or fair to the remainder of the players to upset the balance of a side, should one or both permit players be left out for the cup rounds. Would a player who has spent some years as a professional, maybe from the time of leaving school, be a good influence, particularly in the dressing-room? Would it be good for the Club?

If we look ahead and assume that within the next two seasons the words Amateur and Professional go out of football and everyone becomes a "Player", which direction do we take? A number of ambitious and well-organised clubs have left the Isthmian League over the years, gone professional, and joined the Southern League where they have languished ever since. Is this the prospect or is the answer in the newly-organised Isthmian League, with promotion and relegation? I have no doubt that within a few seasons the Isthmian League will be viewed as the strongest combination outside the Football League and it will undoubtedly be from there that future league clubs will graduate. Wycombe Wanderers as members of the Football League, is that the future? The possibility looms larger as the competition gets stronger and with the Football League members beginning to move on proposals put forward many years ago, it would be a brave man who could forecast our destination in 1984, which incidentally will be our centenary year, and which no doubt George Orwell had in mind when he wrote one of his books!

With everyone demanding a larger slice of the pie and quite a few wanting cream with it, someone has decided that to subsidise this exercise there shall be V.A.T. This means that from the 1st April 1973, ten per cent of all our monies will go to the Government so that the begging bowl which gets larger and larger can be filled more easily for some of those among us who demand a free ride.

The Government says something like this: 'We know you are in debt but this is an easy way to raise money and while all those members and supporters of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club who worked so hard to raise funds to keep the Club solvent are to be congratulated, we shall be obliged if you would send us 10% of all they contribute. In this way we, the Government, can ensure that your efforts to become solvent are nullified'. This is what is known as balancing the economy.

We have, of course, in this country, a body known as the Arts Council, whose responsibility it is, with money contributed by us, to subsidise anything which can be interpreted by them as 'Art'. Some of

the items considered as art by the Council, and upon which public money is spent, have ranged from the ridiculous to the pathetic. As it is now accepted that soccer is an art, one is left wondering whether an application to the Arts Council could result in a grant equal at least perhaps, to the size of grant issued to bodies such as the 'Methylated Spiritualists Stringless Banjo Band' now touring the industrial area of the Outer Hebrides. I suppose one could try. Meanwhile, back at the ground, the rates have been doubled and we all work that little bit harder.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT 1972/73

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure to submit on behalf of the Committee and Officers the annual report for the year 1972/73, this being the 89th Report and Balance Sheet since the formation of the club. On the basis of our achievements of the previous two or three seasons, our playing performance will probably be judged as moderate, and emphasises once again the difficulties of maintaining the high standard which has been set. Although the Isthmian League championship treble did not transpire, we were able to win the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup and reach the final of the Premier Midweek Floodlight League championship. Financially our lack of success in the major competitions was reflected in falling attendances, and substantial donations were required throughout the season from the Development Fund, Social Club and Supporters' Club in order to keep a reasonably healthy balance. In an effort to make fuller use of our facilities it was amicably agreed with the Supporters' Club at the start of the season that the parent club would be responsible for the running of the Clubhouse and operating the Bar. To this end a new Social Club was formed and some success can be claimed in this direction, although we still have a long way to go to bring ourselves up to the results obtained by some other Isthmian Clubs. It is obvious that unless we are very fortunate we cannot survive on gates alone and greater emphasis is needed on improving this aspect of the club's affairs. During the season a new six-a-side evening competition was inaugurated for local junior clubs, and it is hoped that this will develop into a permanent tournament each season.

F.A. CHALLENGE CUP

16. 9.72	1st Qualifying Round v Tooting & Mitcham	Away	Won 3-1
7.10.72	2nd Qualifying Round v Egham	Away	Won 6-2
21.10.72	3rd Qualifying Round v Walton & Hersham	Away	Lost 0-1

Not the best of draws in that we were faced with three away matches, admittedly not against particularly strong opposition until the visit to Walton where we lost in a game which could have swung either way. The game at Egham was notable in that we crossed over a goal down and only in the second half were we able to assert our superiority.

F.A. AMATEUR CHALLENGE CUP

9.12.72	1st Round v Cheshunt	Home	Lost 0-1
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When the draw was announced we must have held high hopes of proceeding to the next round, but an early goal against and an injury to our captain after ten minutes which necessitated his substitution, combined with a somewhat inept display by the team removed us from the competition.

Over the years this competition has been renowned for the difficulties which this club seems to encounter when faced with what could comparatively be called 'minnows'. This was never better illustrated than these games when after soundly trouncing our first Spartan League opponents in heavy conditions, we were extremely fortunate to force a replay in the semi-final against another Spartan side. Satisfaction was obtained at Chesham however, after our two previous final reverses at the hands of Slough, when we were deserved winners.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

Played 42. Won 25. Drawn 6. Lost 11. Goals for 66; against 32. Points 56.

Our performance will no doubt be classed as disappointing in view of the high standard which we have set ourselves, by winning the championship in the two previous seasons. It was particularly galling by reason of this being the year of sponsorship and trophies and flags. Our goals tally possibly indicates a reason for our lower position, in that during so many games we were unable to capitalise on the chances created. Despite this however we managed to finish a creditable fourth, and level on points with the team above us.

PREMIER MIDWEEK FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE

Played 10. Won 8. Drawn 1. Lost 1. Goals for 34; against 8. Points 20.

With an increase in the number of clubs, it was necessary for the league committee to re-group the sections, and to reduce the number of clubs in each to six. As winners of Section B, we duly qualified for the play-off and in fact reached the final by reason of defeating Horsham (Section D winners) at Loakes Park by 3-0. Unfortunately the remainder of the play-off never materialised, and it is left for the winners of Sections A, C and E to determine our opponents in the final. This it is hoped to resolve in the early part of next season.

FRIENDLIES

Played 13. Won 11. Drawn 1. Lost 1. Goals for 41; against 10.

Thirteen friendly matches were played during the season, not including the annual league champions versus The Rest of the League in which we were successful by 2-1. Three of these games were against professional opponents and probably produced some of the best football seen at the ground this season.

THE PLAYERS

Appearances		Goals scored	Appearances		Goals scored
T. Amos	51	23	K. Jameson	17	2
P. Birdseye	52	2	B. Langfield	20	14
D. Bullock	49	2	J. Maskell	41	—
N. Cooper	8	—	K. O'Brien	18	—
J. Delaney	60	11	G. Olsen	33	2
B. Davies	8	—	R. Pritchard	70	16
D. Gamblin	53	1	I. Rundle	52	1
A. Gane	52	6	K. Searle	46	24
M. Holifield	49	16	P. Spittle	17	—
A. Horseman	53	27	K. Swain	13	5
J. Hutchinson	52	9	R. Williams	60	5

The increase in the number of 'comings and going' during the season reflects our efforts to arrive at a settled team. This was probably not achieved until very late in the season when the team began playing really well. With our prospects for the coming season looking particularly bright, it is something of a blow to learn that John Delaney and Alan Gane will not be with us, having signed professional forms for Bournemouth and Brentford respectively. We shall certainly miss John, who has captained the side most capably for the past four seasons, and has always been a good ambassador for the club. Alan has only been with us for one season and we wish them both success in their new venture.

HONOURS

John Delaney played for the England Amateur XI on seven occasions; Larry Pritchard and Derek Gamblin on two. Larry Pritchard was also selected for the close season tour by the England party to five of the European countries. Paul Birdseye, Rob Williams and Tony Amos were also selected for F.A. Amateur XIs.

THE TOUR

We once again undertook an end-of-season tour, during the Spring Holiday, this time to Yugoslavia. Two games had been arranged with F.C. Leotar and F.C. Gosk respectively. Unfortunately the F.C. Gosk officials did not contact us in time for the second game to be played. We were however, most hospitably received by the F.C. Leotar officials, and travelled from Dubrovnik by a mountainous route to their ground at Trebinge where we were successful by 3-1. Once again there was no lack of support from other holiday-makers staying at the hotel.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Jim Rackstraw, one of our three retiring members, has indicated that he does not wish to seek re-election, but sincerely wishes to retain his interest in the club. Having been instrumental in proposing him as a committee member some twenty-four years ago, it is now my pleasure to record our appreciation of his unbroken service to the club over this period. There being only one new nomination for the committee, Mr. Graham Roberts, a ballot is rendered unnecessary. No other nominations have been received for the positions of President, Chairman, Hon. General Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

The coming season marks the end of 'amateur' football in name, as the F.A. in their wisdom have decreed that from 1974/75 all participants shall be known as 'players'. The implications of this decision are perhaps difficult to assess, but one would assume that we need to take a fresh look at our organisation if we are to progress, as inevitably the competition will be stronger.

In conclusion I must once again acknowledge and thank our voluntary helpers, who attend on match days to carry out those services which are so essential to the smooth running of the club.

Yours sincerely,

A. J. CRUMP,

Hon. General Secretary.

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ROUND-UP OF SEASON 1972/73

All three of our opening friendlies were against Southern League opposition, and we commenced on Saturday, July 29th with a visit to Waterloooville, a club newly-promoted to the Premier Division, where with a somewhat depleted side we were defeated 2-1. The best remembered part of the afternoon was the hospitality afforded to us by Derek Gamblin after the game. The other two games were against Altrincham and Bedford Town respectively and resulted in a draw and a win. With the exception of Ted Powell who had left to accept a manager-coach post at Kingstonian, we retained our players of the previous season, with the addition of Barry Davies, Alan Gane and Gerry Olsen.

The team opened satisfactorily and we won all our league games throughout August against Dulwich, Woking, Sutton, Hayes, Leytonstone and Kingstonian without conceding a goal and scoring ten in the process. September proved to be a bit different however, when we ran up against the might of Hendon, Enfield, Walthamstow and Bishops Stortford. Only one point was obtained from those four games, but during this period we furthered our interest in the F.A. Cup by winning at Tooting. At this time with Barry East as chairman of the Isthmian League, there was the first talk of challenge matches between champions of the various amateur leagues, and as a fore-runner we were asked to entertain Alvechurch, the Midland League champions. This game took place as an evening match and we were successful by the only goal scored.

October can be classed as a month of mixed fortunes, opening with an unexpected reverse at Ilford, followed by a respectable win at Hayes and the fright at Egham in the F.A. Cup, when we crossed over a goal down, but subsequently coasted home by 6-2. Our games with Oxford always arouse an intensity of feeling in their supporters: the mere sight of Ian Rundle seems to trigger it all off. This time we met them when they were going through a lean period and obtained our biggest league win of the season with four goals in each half. In the middle of the month the annual match against The Rest of the League was played and two excellent goals from Larry Pritchard gave us the verdict. During this period our chances of progressing further into the cup were quashed at Walton where we lost by the only goal scored. Immediately after the Sutton game earlier, Tony Amos had signed for the club, and in the St. Albans game at Loakes Park, coming on as sub. in the last ten minutes he demonstrated his dead ball kicking ability by placing a free-kick from well outside the penalty area, past the wall and high into the net.

And so into November when our performances were much better away from home, with wins at Dulwich, Hitchin, Barking, but defeats at home by Tooting and Woking. Another mid-field player, Keith Jameson joined us from Hayes this time, whilst at the end of the month Keith Searle departed for Hendon.

Amateur Cup time rolled round a little early this season, as the first round was scheduled for 9th December. With a home draw against Cheshunt, we must have fancied our chances of emulating our feats of

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the previous two seasons. In the event we lost by an early goal, John Delaney received an injury which necessitated a visit to hospital, and the team's play generally below par. At this time we were also deprived of the services of John Maskell, as his wife had been seriously injured in a car accident.

With the weather holding we were able to play a full quota of fixtures in January, which enabled us to get ahead with our Premier Floodlight League programme. It must be a long time since Ilford took three points from us, but this in effect they did with a goalless draw at Loakes Park. Two other newcomers made their first appearances in Peter Spittle and Brian Langfield, whilst Keith Jameson departed to Hendon. In subsequent matches Brian was to prove himself an excellent snapper-up of chances in front of goal. After having so much of the game at Leatherhead, it was unbelievable that we could come away losers by an only goal.

Walton at home gave us the chance to avenge two earlier defeats, and with our captain absent, Dave Bullock acquitted himself well against the menace of Keiron Somers. Having trounced Chalfont St. Peter in the B. & B. Cup third round we travelled to Bracknell, and were fortunate to force a replay in the closing minutes of extra time. The return game played in a high wind resulted in an odd goal win.

For the away game at Enfield, Keith Searle returned to the club, but we were unable to repeat our victory of the previous season, losing 2-0. A friendly game against a Bournemouth youth side was notable for the first appearance of Kenny Swain, who was later to show the coolness and audacity of a seasoned player. A very creditable win 5-1 was recorded at Bishops Stortford, and the team really looked to be settling down. By this time we had played all our Floodlight League games, winning eight, drawing one, which established us as Section B winners, and qualifying for the play-off. The semi-final against Horsham was played in April and we duly won 3-0. Unfortunately the other three clubs involved were unable to play-off and so the final is left to be played during the coming season.

For the third season in succession the B. & B. Cup Final was contested between Slough Town and ourselves, this time at Chesham. After our two previous reserves it is very gratifying to record that we won deservedly by the only goal scored.

Our last game of the season was another friendly against Bournemouth. After our crushing defeat of his youth side, John Bond brought his first eleven, and after an exciting game we were successful 2-1. Probably as an aftermath to this game, John Delaney has now signed professional forms for our opponents, and is a player we can ill-afford to lose.

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by STUART EARP

(Sports Editor, Bucks Free Press)

That old cliché "It's tough at the top" was never more relevant than at Wycombe Wanderers last season, for after their spell at the summit of amateur football, the Blues understandably fell from grace.

Although the fans expected it, Wanderers just couldn't maintain the type of standard that took them to Isthmian League runners-up, and double league champions over the last three years. As England Amateur team boss Charles Hughes said at the club dinner, "Wycombe were victims of their high standards".

That standard was probably higher than many of amateur football's achievements in the past. Arch rivals Enfield dominated the scene for many years but I doubt whether their football gave half as much pleasure as Wycombe's. Hendon last term at their best, must have mighty close to Wycombe's pinnacle but we must wait and see whether they can maintain their tremendous form.

Next season could well be less demanding for the Blues. No longer will clubs be visiting "The Champions", hell bent on taking away at least a point — that honour now belongs to Hendon and Walton — League and Amateur Cup winners. It will be a pleasant change for Wanderers.

There are some great moments of last season that are worth savouring. Pride of place must really be the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final, automatically linked with John Delaney. No doubt much will have been written about John in this handbook already, but he must be mentioned in any review of the season.

I, for one, will not forget the buzz of the goals that resulted. A Berks and Bucks Cup winners medal was a fitting finale to Big John's present career in amateur football. I don't think I've seen as wide a grin in the changing room after the match and even that ill-tempered Slough fan, who doused John with a bucket of water when he received the trophy, couldn't spoil his day.

Delaney played a big part in another great match, this time at Loakes Park against Bournemouth when John Bond's men came down to avenge the 10-0 lesson handed out to his youth team. Some of the football in that game was tremendous, bettered only by the 1-1 draw at Tooting in the last Isthmian encounter of the season.

So next season could well be a struggle for the Blues. Tommy Lawrence has returned to Enfield so there will be a threat from Southbury Road while Hendon, if they keep their side together, must also be a force to be reckoned with once again. But one thing I'm sure we can expect at Loakes Park next season is good football. Many criticised Walton and Hersham for the tactics at Wembley and on that day brawn won over brains. Balanced and skillful football, however, must prevail in the end as Wycombe have demonstrated in the past.

Next term sees the introduction of the new Isthmian League, Division 2. It's one of several changes in the amateur football world and should create more interest, with promotion, relegation and Cup competitions etc. Whether it will bring in the crowds though, is another matter.

I feel it will take a lot more to bring back the football supporter. Wanderers' gates suffered last season, averaging about 1,000 for Saturday matches at Loakes Park compared with two or three thousand in previous years. It only goes to show that the spectator wants nothing but the best for his Saturday afternoon's entertainment.

It's getting to the stage where only a handful of clubs can run on gates receipts and certainly no amateur club can balance its expenditures purely on gate money. This will play an even bigger part when the term amateurs disappears in '74/75. Clubs will obviously want the best players and will have to pay to get them and consequently success. It will be an expensive business.

Yes, there are going to be some interesting changes going on in the next few years but for now, Wycombe, like every other amateur club from Chalfont St. Peter to Walton and Hershaw, will have their eyes on the final amateur Cup campaign. What price a Wycombe Wanderers v Enfield final?!

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END OF SEASON TOUR

Here we are again—another season ending and another tour begins and, as it should be, each one more successful than the last. Perhaps consolidated once again by retaining our unbeaten record on continental tours.

A party of 24 left Heathrow on Saturday, 26th May for Dubrovnik in Yugoslavia which included Keith Meade (Slough), Roger Grant (Enfield), Steve Perrin (Southall), John Overton (Kingstonian), Dylon Evans (Cheltenham) and Mickey Mellows (unattached) but who by the time of publication might well have turned professional with either Oxford United or Bournemouth. We were also fortunate to have with us Alec Vulcovic who was born in Yugoslavia and who was able to act as interpreter for us. To the average supporter it might seem strange to include so many guest players; this has two aspects. (1) Some of our Club players find it extremely difficult to arrange their holidays to suit the end of season tour and others have family commitments like that of John Maskell whose wife Heather is now making good recovery from her very bad car accident. (2) The Club has the opportunity of introducing new players who it is felt would be beneficial to the Blues in the forthcoming season. In retrospect, the individual player gets a chance to see whether or not he likes the look of us. By the time this article is printed, I feel sure several of our guest players will be new faces at Loakes Park.

Prior to leaving Wycombe, two matches had been arranged; Gosk F.C. and Trebinke F.C. — the former being the host Club. Both playing in the Yugoslavian 2nd Division, Gosks — the hosts — were 5th from bottom and Trebinke 3rd from top. Our officials waited for the arrival of the Gosk F.C. representatives all day on the 27th May to no avail and by the time Monday evening had arrived, we had well and truly got the message that Gosk were of the opinion that the Wanderers were a non-entity and not worth playing. Later in the week, having well and truly beaten Trebinke, they (Gosk F.C.) apparently reconsidered the situation and made it known that they would be pleased to play us. However, our Committee, Staff and players informed Gosk what they could do with their fixture.

With having to play only one game much later in the week, the players made full use of the hotel amenities; the weather was particularly good, so much so that, to coin a phrase from the boys, "they changed their milk bottle complexions in a couple of days". Unfortunately one or two of the lads overdid the sunbathing and on stripping for the Trebinke fixture a certain player asked Tony Horseman if he should not return to the hotel's beach for his "skin"?

The Trebinke ground was about 1 hour by road and on the day of the match we took with us quite a large contingent of English supporters. Following a picturesque journey through rocky mountains complete with hairpin bends, we were all very surprised to find a pitch of lush green turf. There was a slight shower prior to the kick-off, the first rain for

many weeks and so with an extended break and conditions almost ideal the team were meeting their opposition on a level footing. After the usual preliminaries, i.e. the exchange of penants etc., John Delaney approached the bench sheepishly holding a large bouquet of flowers presented by the opposition's skipper but there any hint of femininity ended. Our opponents although very skillful were more than capable of looking after themselves physically.

Having a top Yugoslavian referee was a distinct advantage. He had no choice late in the game but to send off a home defender. From the resulting free kick Tony Horseman bent a repetitive free kick around the home wall for his second goal. This gave us a 3-1 victory with Alan Gane having scored in the opening minutes. Following the match, a reception at a local hotel was attended by their Mayor who commended us on our better technique of the game. This, I feel, was the big difference between the two sides.

The remaining days of the tour passed pleasantly with sightseeing; in particular enjoying the panoramic coastal views from the many ferry boats operating to and from Dubrovnik. The sightseeing was further enhanced, from the players' point of view, with the many nudist colonies dotted along the neighbouring beaches.

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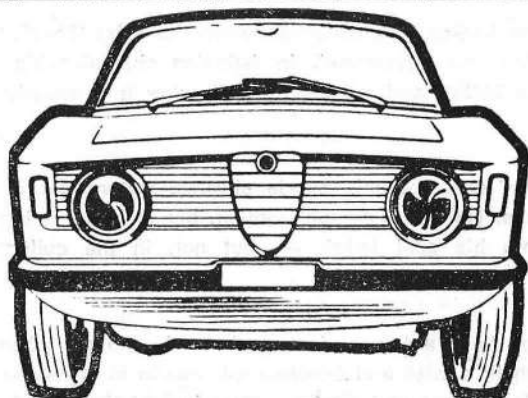
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No club likes to lose a player of the power and ability of 'Big John' Delaney. And it is little comfort to Wycombe Wanderers — and the England amateur squad — to know that 'their loss is Bournemouth's gain'.

England team manager Charles Hughes told John at the Wanderers' dinner recently 'From all the England team we would like to thank you for all you have done for England'.

From the Loakes Park terraces comes the echo 'Thank you for all you have done for Wycombe', in Isthmian championship games, in searching cup battles and, where in many ways it is equally important, off the field.

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As we all were. Good luck, John. Stay big!

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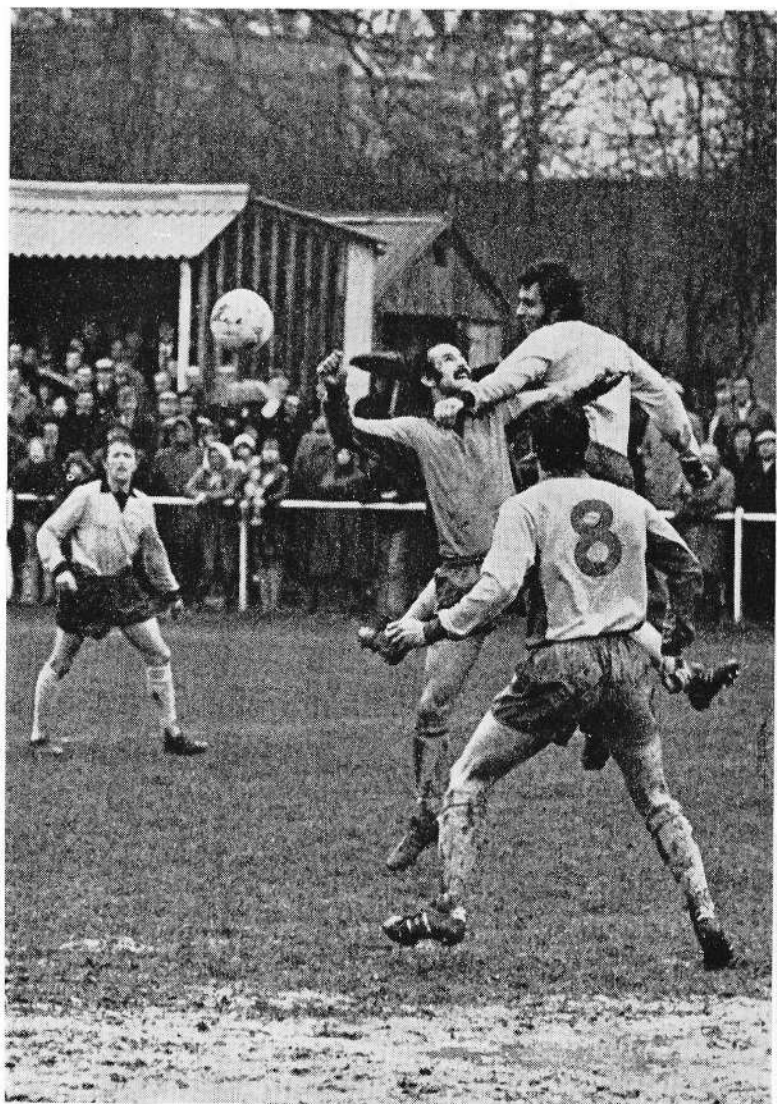
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Barking	—	2-1	2-2	2-2	0-0	1-1	2-3	1-1	0-3	3-0	0-1	0-3	0-2	2-1	1-2	1-1	1-2	0-4	2-3	0-1	1-2	1-3	22	38
Bishops Stortford	2-0	—	2-0	3-0	4-2	0-3	2-0	1-0	2-1	2-1	3-0	1-1	0-4	1-0	0-0	3-1	2-1	0-0	2-2	2-2	0-0	1-5	33	23
Bromley	1-1	0-0	—	2-2	2-2	0-3	1-3	1-2	0-5	0-1	2-1	0-2	0-1	1-2	1-2	0-0	1-2	3-1	3-3	0-0	1-2	0-2	19	37
Clapton	1-2	1-3	1-4	—	2-1	2-1	1-4	0-0	2-2	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-4	1-4	1-1	3-1	1-2	0-6	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-2	16	46
Corinthian Casuals	1-5	1-2	0-0	1-0	—	0-1	0-4	0-4	1-2	1-3	1-2	2-2	1-5	0-1	2-0	0-0	0-3	1-2	0-4	1-1	1-3	1-2	15	46
Dulwich Hamlet	3-1	1-1	1-0	2-1	4-0	—	0-0	1-0	0-2	2-1	0-2	3-1	3-5	0-2	2-2	1-0	0-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	4-1	0-2	29	23
Enfield	5-1	3-1	1-1	7-1	4-1	1-2	—	1-0	1-2	1-1	2-1	7-0	0-2	1-3	6-0	1-1	2-1	0-0	1-1	1-3	1-0	2-0	48	22
Hayes	3-0	2-1	1-0	5-0	4-0	1-3	2-1	—	0-1	6-0	2-0	0-2	0-1	3-1	2-1	2-0	1-1	0-0	4-1	2-3	4-1	0-1	44	18
Hendon	5-0	0-0	3-0	4-1	4-0	2-0	2-1	2-0	—	5-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-1	3-0	1-0	2-0	3-2	3-0	1-2	1-0	2-0	48	7
Hitchin Town	1-2	2-1	2-1	6-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	1-2	1-1	—	1-2	0-4	1-1	0-1	5-0	3-0	2-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	2-1	0-2	29	24
Ilford	4-2	1-0	2-0	3-3	3-0	3-3	2-4	2-0	0-1	2-3	—	2-0	0-0	0-0	6-0	3-1	2-3	0-0	1-1	0-2	1-0	2-1	39	24
Kingstonian	2-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	6-0	2-1	1-0	1-2	0-4	4-1	4-1	—	0-3	0-2	1-0	2-2	1-1	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-1	31	21
Leatherhead	4-0	1-1	2-0	2-0	5-0	1-2	2-0	1-0	0-1	1-2	4-0	1-1	—	2-1	3-0	1-1	1-1	1-2	0-1	0-0	1-1	1-0	34	14
Leytonstone	3-1	3-0	1-0	1-1	0-2	3-1	0-4	1-4	2-2	2-0	2-2	0-0	3-5	—	1-0	0-1	0-3	1-1	1-1	1-0	0-3	1-1	26	32
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Clapton	H. Won 1-0	A. Won 2-0
Corinthian-Casuals	H. Drew 1-1	A. Won 2-1
Dulwich Hamlet	H. Won 3-0	A. Won 2-0
Enfield	H. Drew 2-2	A. Lost 0-2
Hayes	H. Won 1-0	A. Lost Won 1-0
Hendon	H. Lost 0-1	A. Lost 0-2
Hitchin Town	H. Won 4-0	A. Won 2-0
Ilford	H. Drew 0-0	A. Lost 1-2
Kingstonian	H. Won 2-0	A. Won 1-0
Leatherhead	H. Lost 1-2	A. Lost 0-1
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Horsham	H. Won 3-0	

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29. 7.72	Waterlooville	Away	Lost	1-2
5. 8.72	Altrincham	Home	Drew	1-1
8. 8.72	Bedford Town	Home	Won	3-0
17.10.72	Rest of League	Home	Won	2-1
7.11.72	Aylesbury Utd.	Home	Won	2-1
25.11.72	Loughborough Coll.	Home	Won	3-1
29.11.72	Carnegie Coll.	Home	Lost	2-3
22. 1.73	Chelsea XI	Home	Drew	1-1
6. 2.73	Feltham	Home	Won	3-0
5. 3.73	Q.P.R. XI	Home	Won	4-1
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3. 4.73	Southall	Home	Won	3-0
13. 4.73	Willington	Home	Won	2-1
26. 4.73	Internationals Club	Home	Won	3-0
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